



Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

Sheboygan County

County characteristics

- 514 sq. miles.
- West ½ includes the wooded, rolling topography of the Kettle Moraine; east ½ includes open farmland, urban areas, and the lakeshore of Lake Michigan.
- 5 warm-water rivers; 23 lakes; 37 miles of trout waters; Lake Michigan shoreline and tributary streams.
- There are more than 110,000 county residents.



State Land Open to Hunting and Fishing

- More than 21,000 acres of state land including state forest, wildlife and fisheries areas, and state parks.
- 7,400 acres of county land managed under a cooperative agreement with DNR.

Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you

- 1 Wildlife Biologist; 2 Wildlife Technicians (1 vacancy); 1 Private Lands Biologist, 1 Statewide Urban Wildlife Biologist; 1 Fisheries Manager; 1 Fisheries Technician; 2 Conservation Wardens; 3 Customer Service Representatives.
- Office: 1155 Pilgrim Road, Plymouth, 53073
- Staff also serves parts of Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, and Calumet counties.

Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars

- Cooperatively manage the Sheboygan Marsh with Sheboygan County. Stocked one-half million northern pike, and thousands of panfish, and removed tons of carp following a drawdown in 2002.
- One of only three private lands biologists statewide is stationed in Plymouth and has established 2300 acres of grassland and restored 433 wetlands on private lands throughout the County.
- Manage wildlife habitat including grassland, wetlands and woodlands in the 30,000-acre Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit.
- Conservation Wardens monitor activities of 7 wholesale fish dealers, 9 commercial fishermen, 28 Lake Michigan Sport Trollers, 24 guides, 20 taxidermists, and more than 100 other activities requiring permits.
- Wardens work with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on a variety of issues including homeland security assignments.
- Manage and maintain DNR lands, buildings, access sites, parking areas and other facilities.



Activities continued...

- Coordinate acquisition of lands within approved boundaries of fish, wildlife, and streambank areas.
- Monitor and manage local wildlife populations of deer, turkeys, ducks, geese, pheasants, grouse, mourning doves, woodcock, frogs, grassland birds, osprey, and red-shouldered hawks.
- Respond to wildlife damage and nuisance complaints and monitor wildlife diseases including Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and West Nile Virus.
- Conduct fishery and creel surveys on major lakes and streams.
- Monitor wildlife habitats on state managed lands, and control exotic and invasive species.
- Evaluate projects for environmental impacts related to wildlife and their habitats; evaluate environmental contaminants in wildlife; and mitigate damage to wildlife and habitat.
- Participate in educational and environmental programs (more than 50/yr) with conservation organizations (including one of the largest associations of conservation organizations in the state), schools, and civic groups.

Sheboygan County Conservation Snapshots

27	Lake Michigan Charter Boats Home Port
118	Hunter Education Instructors
24	Hunter Ed Classes, 598 graduates in 2004
18	ALIS Agents Supported
885	Walk-in customers and 872 phone calls per month at service center in Plymouth
67	Hotline Complaints
13	Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration Stations



Fish & Wildlife Stocking Summary

- Stock up to 210 musky, 38,000 walleye, and 15,000 trout in County lakes and streams.
- 2,500 pheasants stocked on 3 different properties (historical numbers).
- Over 456,000 trout and salmon stocked in Lake Michigan waters off Sheboygan.

County Success Stories

- The North Branch Milwaukee River Wildlife and Farming Heritage Area was established in 2002 to help preserve farmland, and natural resources within 25 miles of Milwaukee.
- Worked with Sheboygan County to update the master plan for Sheboygan Marsh Wildlife Area in 2001, and completed a summer drawdown of the flowage in 2002 to stabilize aquatic vegetation and improve wildlife habitat.
- First location where wild turkeys were restored in eastern Wisconsin (1985).
- Wrote and implemented federal grants for restoring wetlands, and developing grassland habitat (\$3.8 million dollars).
- Onion River watershed acquisition and development project has resulted in over 800 acres of public land, and 6 miles of stream available for fishing and hunting. Over 5 miles of stream habitat has been improved.
- Natural stream ecology has been restored through the removal of 17 dams on rivers and streams.

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